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1. Removal of the SB Charité artificial disc is feasible but with inherent risks. (*this thesis*)
2. A threshold for the minimum area of the bony endplate that should be covered by the TDR was found to reduce the risk of subsidence. (*this thesis*)
3. It is of clinical concern that wear and inflammatory reactions are possible in the lumbar spine. (*this thesis*)
4. TDR revision tissue contained over a billion wear particles per gram; and albeit lower than THA tissue concentrations, this represent a substantial load within the spinal tissue. (*this thesis*)
5. Goede patiëntenvoorlichting is essentieel om de beste behandelstrategie te kiezen.
6. Een statistisch relevant verschil en een klinisch relevant verschil zijn een wereld van verschil.
7. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence (Altman and Bland, BMJ, 1995)
8. One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. (Marie Curie, 1894)
9. “Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement.”
10. De puntjes op de i zetten.

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